

**THE MINUTES OF THE HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES**

Wednesday, May 31, 2006

3:00 p.m.

Room 519 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Family and Children Services was called to order by **Representative Stahl**, Chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Stahl, Pearce, Vander Veen, Hoogendyk, Clack, Spade, Polidori and Lemmons, Jr.

MEMBER ABSENT: Representative Sheen.

The committee met in a Special Joint Session with the Department of Human Services Subcommittee on Appropriations and the Senate Families and Human Services Committee.

Representative Polidori moved to adopt the minutes of the **May 17, 2006** meeting. The motion was supported by **Representative Clack**. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Chairman Stahl opened the floor for a presentation on Welfare Reform:

PRESENTERS

Ralph Conner, Director of Public Affairs, representing The Heartland Institute, testified. Questions and discussion followed. Mr. Conner submitted handouts for the committee.

Jack Tweedie, representing the National Conference of State Legislators (NCSL), Director of the Children and Families Program, testified. Questions and discussion followed. Mr. Tweedie submitted handouts for the committee.

Gary MacDougal, author of *Make A Difference*, and former chairman, Illinois Governor's Task Force on Human Services Reform, testified. Questions and discussion followed. Mr. MacDougal submitted handouts for the committee.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

Representative John Stahl, Chair
House Standing Committee on Family and Children Services
Malika Abdur-Rashid
Committee Clerk
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2 Hours 15 Minutes